

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

DONALD C. CAMPBELL, M.D., SURGEON,

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT AND HOUSE SURGEON

TO THE

ABERDEEN ASYLUM.

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Robert Dyce Esq. Pres.
th Dr Campbell's Respect

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to offer myself as a CANDIDATE for the situation of SUPERINTENDENT and HOUSE SURGEON, now vacant in the ABERDEEN ASYLUM.

I received my Literary Education at St. Andrew's, and my Medical at the Glasgow University, from which I hold the degree of Doctor of Medicine. I also have a Diploma in Surgery.

Since October, 1841, I have been one of the Medical Assistants in the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Glasgow, where I have enjoyed an opportunity of becoming familiar with the treatment and management of the Insane, under the able instruction of Dr. HUTCHESON; and as that Institution is one of the largest in the country, the cases which I have had an opportunity of studying have been both numerous and varied.

I respectfully beg leave to lay before you the annexed selection of TESTIMONIALS in my favor; and to assure you that if I shall be so fortunate as to be appointed to the Office to which I aspire, I shall exert myself to the utmost to prove worthy of the recommendations I have received, and of the confidence reposed in me.

I have the honor to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

DONALD C. CAMPBELL, M.D.



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TESTIMONIALS.

I.

THE Weekly Committee of the Directors of the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics hereby certify, that Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL, Surgeon, was appointed Clinical Assistant to the Physician of that Institution on the twelfth day of October, Eighteen hundred and forty-one—that he entered upon his duties upon the twenty-fifth day of the same month—that he has continued to perform these with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of all concerned—and that, considering the length of time he has been engaged in the Asylum, the knowledge and experience which he has there acquired, and the favourable report of his conduct by the Physician, they doubt not that he will be found fully qualified for the office of House Surgeon in the Aberdeen Asylum, for which he is at present a Candidate. In witness whereof, they have authorised this certificate to be signed in their name by me, as Secretary to the Institution, this eleventh day of February, Eighteen hundred and forty-five.

DOND. CUTHBERTSON,
SECRETARY.

II.

From WM. HUTCHESON, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh ; Member of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow ; Physician to the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics, &c. &c.

Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics,
Gartnavel, 6th February, 1845.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL, Surgeon, has acted as one of my Medical Assistants since October, 1841—that he has

had ample opportunities of studying, both theoretically and practically, Insanity in all its forms, as they occur in various classes of society—that he had before him all the details of the building, furnishing, and arranging of the present Asylum, and has made himself master of them—that he has had the immediate charge of the treatment of upwards of three hundred patients—that he is familiar with the recent and most approved plans of managing the Insane, including the substitution of kindness, moral control, employment, and amusement, for force and mechanical restraint—that he has kept a minute record of each case under his charge, exhibiting the mental and physical phenomena, and the results of the means employed to alleviate or cure the disease—that he is kind and gentlemanly in his feelings and conduct—that he is possessed of great tact in the management of patients—that his moral and religious character is unexceptionable—and that, in the performance of his duties, he has given me perfect satisfaction. I may mention that, except when absent on duty, he has, like my other Medical Assistants, lived constantly in the Asylum—and that I have, therefore, had the best means of knowing and appreciating his character and capabilities. In these circumstances, I have no hesitation in recommending him to the Directors of the Aberdeen Asylum, as perfectly qualified to fill the situation now vacant in that Institution.

WM. HUTCHESON, M.D.

III.

From THOMAS PRICHARD, M.D., *Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics.*

10th February, 1845.

I CERTIFY that Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL has held the office of Clinical Assistant in the Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics, for upwards of three years past—that, during the whole of that time, he had opportunities of making himself conversant with the medical and moral treatment of the patients, as also the general business of a large Asylum.

From his active habits, tact, and great discrimination of character, I consider him peculiarly qualified to undertake the superintendence of an Asylum; and should he be successful in his present application, the Directors will have good reason to feel satisfied with their choice.

THOMAS PRICHARD, M.D.

IV.

From R. RODGER, Esq., one of the Directors of the Royal Asylum for Lunatics.

12, Royal Crescent,
Glasgow, 13th February, 1845.

I HAVE known Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL, Surgeon, for several years. He is of an old and respectable family, and has received the best education, both literary and professional, which the Universities of St. Andrew's and Glasgow could furnish. So favourably was I impressed with his character and acquirements, that three years and a-half ago I strongly recommended him for the situation of Medical Assistant in the Royal Lunatic Asylum here, of which I have been many years a Director, and in which I have taken a very great interest. He was shortly afterwards appointed, and his subsequent career has more than justified my recommendation. As one of the Committee who take the immediate management of the Asylum, I have had ample opportunities of knowing the tact, kindness, firmness, and efficiency, with which he performed his duties; and I know that the official gentlemen, connected with the Asylum, entertain the same opinion. In these circumstances, I have no hesitation in recommending him to the Directors of the Aberdeen Asylum, as fully qualified, in all respects, for the office to which he aspires, satisfied as I am that, though the Glasgow Institution will lose a most efficient Officer, the Aberdeen Asylum will profit by his services.

R. RODGER.

V.

From R. S. ORR, M.D., Superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Royal Infirmary,
Glasgow, 5th February, 1845.

A THREE years' acquaintance with Dr. CAMPBELL, during which I have had many opportunities of judging of his professional abilities and qualifications, enables me to speak of them with confidence. During all that period, his whole time and attention has been given to the treatment and management of the Insane; and from his connection with the Asylum of this city, one of the largest and best conducted in the kingdom, he has had opportunities and experience, which very few in the profession are privileged with, and of these, I have reason to know that he has availed himself to the utmost.

With the many advantages which he has thus enjoyed, he is well qualified, in my opinion, to take the superintendence, and manage the internal economy, of a large Asylum; and I feel assured that his most strenuous exertions would be devoted to its best interests: and by appointing him to the office for which he is now a Candidate, the Electors will find him an active, zealous, and efficient Medical Officer.

R. S. ORR, M.D.

VI.

From ROBERT MACGREGOR, M.D., one of the Inspectors of Lunatic Asylums for the County of Lanark.

Glasgow, 48, West Nile Street,
3d January, 1845.

I HAVE known Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL when studying Medicine at the University of this city, and as my pupil in Medical Chemistry: then he gained my esteem. For several years he has acted as House Surgeon in the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum; during

my official visits to that Establishment along with the Sheriff, I have observed his kind, yet firm behaviour towards the patients ; and I have been frequently informed to the same effect by the convalescents. His manners are gentlemanlike and engaging. I consider him highly qualified to undertake the superintendentship of a Lunatic Asylum.

ROBERT MACGREGOR, M.D.

VII.

From JOHN CRAWFORD, M.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University, and one of the Parliamentary Inspectors of Mad Houses for Lanarkshire.

Glasgow, 4th February, 1845.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the qualifications and attainments of Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL, who, I understand, is at present a Candidate for the situation of House Surgeon in the Aberdeen Asylum. Dr. Campbell entered the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Glasgow, as a Clinical Assistant, in the latter part of the year 1841, at which time I was House Surgeon of that Institution ; and I was most favourably impressed with the zeal, diligence, and enthusiasm, with which he discharged the duties of a situation then new to him. Since that time, he has, for three years, enjoyed almost unexampled opportunities of acquiring a thorough knowledge of mental diseases, and the treatment and management of insane patients. I have reason to know that he has most diligently availed himself of these opportunities ; and having been frequently, both in my official capacity and otherwise, brought into contact with him, in the discharge of his duties, as one of the Clinical Assistants in the splendid Institution to which he is attached, I can conscientiously affirm that, in the performance of them, he has exhibited in a high degree the qualifications which are requisite to constitute an active, useful, and successful Medical Officer, in a public Institution devoted to the management and treatment of the Insane.

JOHN CRAWFORD, M.D.

VIII.

From J. A. EASTON, M.D., Inspector of Madhouses in Lanarkshire, &c.

29, College Street, Glasgow,
4th February, 1845.

IT affords me very great pleasure to bear testimony to the many good qualities, general and professional, of Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL. Thoroughly versant in all the departments of Medical Science, Dr. Campbell is pre-eminently versant in the management of the insane; and, while inspecting the Institution at Gartnavel, I have repeatedly been struck with the great tact which he displayed in the treatment of those committed to his care. I have reason to know that this feeling has been participated in by my co-inspectors, who were not more satisfied with the professional skill which he evinced, than delighted with the urbanity of manner, and kindness of disposition, by which his conduct was uniformly characterised. Much more might be said regarding the qualifications which Dr. Campbell possesses for the office to which he aspires; but this I consider unnecessary, and shall therefore only add, in conclusion, that I know no one better qualified—and few so well—as he is, to superintend an Asylum for Lunatics.

J. A. EASTON, M.D.

IX.

From HENRY GLASSFORD BELL, Advocate and Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire.

Sheriff Chambers, Glasgow,
4th February, 1845.

I HAVE frequently had occasion to observe, when visiting officially the Glasgow Royal Lunatic Asylum, the manner in which Dr. CAMPBELL discharges his duties there as one of the Assistant Surgeons. I always found him most assiduous and attentive, and particularly well acquainted with the whole details of the manage-

ment of that very extensive and successful Institution. I have also frequently had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Campbell in private society, where his agreeable and gentlemanly manners give the best assurance that he is well calculated to superintend a class of patients peculiarly requiring careful and delicate treatment. I can have no doubt that he will be found a very valuable assistant in any Lunatic Asylum whose Directors may be fortunate enough to secure his services.

HENRY GLASSFORD BELL.

X.

From NORMAN M'LEOD, D.D., *Minister, St. Columba Church.*

Glasgow, 3d February, 1845.

I CERTIFY that I have been very intimately acquainted with DONALD CAMPBELL, M.D., for many years past. That I had all manner of opportunity afforded me for knowing his character and conduct—his disposition and temper. I have very great pleasure in bearing my unqualified testimony to his great worth and respectability. It is not for me to speak of his professional attainments and his talents as a Medical man, his certificates from those who are qualified to speak to these points will, I doubt not, be found highly satisfactory. But I may be permitted to bear testimony to the correctness of his moral conduct; and I can truly state that I do not know a young man of whom I have been led to form a higher opinion. I consider Dr. Campbell to be a young man of devoted zeal and ardor in the prosecution of his professional studies—of great prudence and firmness of character, and, at the same time, of kind, amiable, and obliging disposition. I believe him to be under the influence of high, honorable, and Christian principle; and that if appointed to the situation he now wishes to obtain, he will discharge its duties in the most satisfactory and gratifying manner. In this firm belief I beg leave most earnestly to recommend him.

NORMAN M'LEOD, D.D.

XI.

*From the Rev. JOHN BYERS, Chaplain to the Royal Lunatic Asylum,
Glasgow.*

Gartnavel, 4th February, 1845.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent character and abilities of Dr. DONALD C. CAMPBELL, who has, for some years, officiated as one of the Clinical Assistants in this Institution. The department assigned to him here is a most important one, the duties of which he has performed in a manner highly creditable to his professional skill, and his judgment in conducting a variety of matters connected with the treatment of the Insane. Dr. Campbell is a young gentleman of firmness and decision of character, and possessed of much tact and prudence in the management of his patients, by whom he is loved and respected. I have also frequently observed that he takes great pains and pleasure in attending to their personal comforts, and rendering them as happy as their circumstances will admit.

As far, therefore, as I am enabled to judge, from much intercourse with Dr. Campbell and those inmates under his charge, I consider that he is well fitted for the office for which he is now a Candidate.

JOHN BYERS.

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ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS.

XII.

From A. DUNLOP ANDERSON, M.D. Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons of England, and late Senior Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in adding my testimony to that of many others more competent to judge of Dr. CAMPBELL's merits. Dr. C. has, for many years, enjoyed opportunities of becoming acquainted, both theoretically and practically, with the treatment of the Insane, and the general management of Lunatics and Lunatic Asylums, such as have fallen to the lot of very few ; and from long and intimate acquaintance with him, I think I can safely state that he has taken full advantage of these opportunities.

A. DUNLOP ANDERSON, M.D.

XIII.

From GEORGE SKENE, Esq., Sheriff-Substitute of Lanarkshire.

Sheriff's Chambers, Glasgow,
14th February, 1845.

IN the course of my official visits to the Royal Lunatic Asylum here, I have had frequent occasion to meet with Dr. CAMPBELL, and have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal, as well as intelligence and judgment, displayed by him in the departments of that extensive Asylum which were under his immediate charge.

From what I have thus seen of him, I have no doubt that he will be found a valuable acquisition to any similar Institution with which he may be connected.

GEORGE SKENE.

XIV.

From GEO. SALMOND, Esq., *Procurator-Fiscal of Lanarkshire.*

Sheriff's Chambers,
Glasgow, 14th February, 1845.

I HAVE known Dr. DONALD CAMPBELL, Surgeon, since he has held the situation of Medical Assistant in the Royal Lunatic Asylum of Glasgow—a period of upwards of three years. His manners and feelings are kind and gentlemanly; and he possesses great tact in the management of patients. I have officially, in carrying out the provisions of the Act IV. and V. Vict. cap. 60, had frequent opportunities of seeing the manner in which he kept the records of the cases under his immediate charge, and have been much pleased with their minuteness and accuracy. I know that his services in the Asylum are highly appreciated; and both from what I have seen and heard of him, I have no doubt of his being perfectly qualified to perform the duties of the situation, in the Aberdeen Asylum, for which he is now applying.

GEO. SALMOND.